

Public Law 99-136
99th Congress

Joint Resolution

Designating the twelve-month period ending on October 28, 1986, as the "Centennial Year of Liberty in the United States".

Oct. 28, 1985

[H.J. Res. 407]

Whereas the Statue of Liberty (originally called "Liberty Enlightening the World") was a generous gift from the people of France to the people of the United States;

Whereas the Statue of Liberty has, since its dedication on October 26, 1886, held high the beacon of freedom, hope and opportunity to welcome millions of immigrants and visitors from foreign lands;

Whereas the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island are in the process of being restored from the ravages of time and weather by the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Centennial Foundation, Incorporated; and

Whereas this Nation will celebrate the Statue of Liberty's one hundredth anniversary through commemorative events scheduled to take place during the Fourth of July weekend in 1986 and on October 28, 1986: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the twelve-month period ending on October 28, 1986, is designated as the "Centennial Year of Liberty in the United States", and the President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that year with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved October 28, 1985.

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